

# Beaumont Fire-Rescue Services

## Appendix 1-25: Hurricane Communications Plan

### *Radio Channels for All Phases of the Incident*

Channel Number	Channel Name	Assignment	Description
<b>1</b>	<b>BFR Main</b>	<b>Command - Dispatch &amp; Fire/Rescue/EMS</b>	Command Channel for Fire/Rescue Branch & BEMS (Continuity of Operations) <b>REPORT EMERGENCIES DURING ALL PHASES OF THE INCIDENT</b>
2	BFR 2	Fire/EMS-Tactical	Routine calls for service
3	BFR 3	BEMS-Tactical	Routine calls for service
4	BFR 4	Fire-Tactical	Routine calls for service
5	BFR 5	Fire-Tactical	Routine calls for service
6	<b>BFR 6</b>	<b>Unified Command/EOC – Hurricane Response</b>	<u>Command Channel for all phases of the Hurricane Response:</u> EOC/UC, BFR Logs & Docs Group, Evacuation Branch, Damage Assessment/SAR Branch, Re-Entry Branch
7	ARSON	District 51 DA/SAR-Tactical	DA units report over MCTs. If MCTs are down, DA units use the appropriate district tactical channel to report. SAR units report over appropriate district tactical channel.
8	INSPECT	District 52 DA/SAR-Tactical	
9	TRG/SAFETY	District 53 DA/SAR-Tactical	
10	CITYWIDE 1	Evac Transport Group (ETG)-Tactical	ETG and other City departments assisting with moving medical special needs patients
13	BFR SE	BFR Logs & Docs Groups-Tactical	BFR Logistics (Supply) & Documentation Coordination
16	TALKAROUND	Short-Range Site Comm-Tactical	¼ mile range—Use within geographic workgroups

### **Communications Contingencies-All Phases of the Incident**

- Face-to-Face/Runners (for short-range site communications)
- VHF Radio (if available)
- Landline phone (if available)
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- Runners (if feasible)

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#### *Contingency Communications Plan- Partial Systems Failure*

If you realize your radio is not transmitting at anytime take the following actions:

1. Be sure your radio is turned on.
2. Be sure you are on the correct zone and talk group (Zone A, BFR Main).
3. Attempt to use an 800 MHz portable radio.
4. Attempt to use mobile or portable radio on a different talk group. (BFR 2)
5. Attempt to use the MCT messaging system.
6. Attempt to transmit using VHF mobile radio on Channel 1.
7. Attempt to transmit using VHF mobile radio Channel 2.
8. Attempt to contact your immediate supervisor using a land line phone, if available.
9. Attempt to contact your immediate supervisor using a cell phone, if available.
10. Send a runner from your unit to your immediate supervisor's location (if known) to report the failure.
11. Send a runner from your unit to the Communications Division to report the failure.

#### *Contingency Communications Plan-Total Systems Failure*

1. Should the 800 MHz radio system fail, the Communications Division will notify Command and all Branches/Divisions/Groups by VHF, MCT and/or cell phone of the system failure.
2. Supervisors at each location will insure that all personnel are made aware of the system failure, and communications contingencies that will be utilized at the location (face-to-face, VHF, etc.).
3. If VHF, MCTs and/or cell phones are also intermittent or inoperable, then a representative from each Division/ Group should be sent to their Branch Director's location to receive face-to-face instructions for emergency communications contingencies to be utilized within the Branch, and then relay these instructions back to those assigned to the Division/Group. The Branch Director will advise the Communications Division of the Branch Contingency Plan.
4. Should all systems fail (radio, computer and/or phone), each Division/Group should send a representative to Fire Headquarters to receive face-to-face instructions for emergency communications from the Chief Communications Officer, and then relay these instructions back to those assigned to the Division/Group. This may include the use of communications-on-wheels (COW) units or other City-wide contingencies.

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### *Evacuation Phase*

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<b>2</b>	<b>BFR 2</b>	<i>Fire/EMS-Tactical</i>	Routine calls for service
<b>3</b>	<b>BFR 3</b>	<i>BEMS-Tactical</i>	Routine calls for service
<b>4</b>	<b>BFR 4</b>	<i>Fire-Tactical</i>	Routine calls for service
<b>5</b>	<b>BFR 5</b>	<i>Fire-Tactical</i>	Routine calls for service
<b>6</b>	<b>BFR 6</b>	<b>Unified Command/EOC – Hurricane Response</b>	<u>Command Channel for all phases of the BFR Hurricane Response:</u> EOC/UC, BFR Logs & Docs Groups, Evacuation Branch
<b>10</b>	<b>CITYWIDE 1</b>	<b>Evac Transport Group (ETG)-Tactical</b>	<b>ETG and other City departments assisting with moving medical special needs patients</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>BFR SE</b>	<i>BFR Logs &amp; Docs Groups-Tactical</i>	BFR Logistics (Supply) & Documentation Coordination
<b>16</b>	<b>TALKAROUND</b>	<i>Short-Range Site Comm-Tactical</i>	<b>¼ mile range—MSNE-Civic Center Division, TNE-Westbrook Division, Evac Call Center</b>

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- Cell phone (if available)
- Runners (if feasible)

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### *Sheltering Phase*

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<b>1</b>	<b>BFR Main</b>	<b>Command - Dispatch &amp; Fire/Rescue/EMS</b>	Command Channel for Fire/Rescue Branch & BEMS (Continuity of Operations) <b>-REPORT EMERGENCIES DURING ALL PHASES OF THE INCIDENT</b> <b>-REPORT SHELTERING PARs</b>
2	BFR 2	Fire/EMS-Tactical	Routine calls for service
3	BFR 3	BEMS-Tactical	Routine calls for service
4	BFR 4	Fire-Tactical	Routine calls for service
5	BFR 5	Fire-Tactical	Routine calls for service
6	BFR 6	Unified Command/EOC – Hurricane Response	Command Channel for all phases of the Hurricane Response: EOC/UC, BFR Logs & Docs Group, Evacuation Branch, Damage Assessment/SAR Branch, Re-Entry Branch
13	BFR SE	BFR Logs & Docs Groups-Tactical	BFR Logistics (Supply) & Documentation Coordination
16	TALKAROUND	Short-Range Site Comm-Tactical	¼ mile range—AT&T Building, St. E/Westbrook, Tyler, Longview

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### *Damage Assessment/SAR Phase*

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2	BFR 2	Fire/EMS-Tactical	Routine calls for service
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13	BFR SE	BFR Logs & Docs Groups-Tactical	BFR Logistics (Supply) & Documentation Coordination
16	TALKAROUND	Short-Range Site Comm-Tactical	<b>¼ mile range—Use within geographic workgroups</b>

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### *Re-Entry Phase*

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<b>2</b>	<b>BFR 2</b>	<i>Fire/EMS-Tactical</i>	Routine calls for service
<b>3</b>	<b>BFR 3</b>	<i>BEMS-Tactical</i>	Routine calls for service
<b>4</b>	<b>BFR 4</b>	<i>Fire-Tactical</i>	Routine calls for service
<b>5</b>	<b>BFR 5</b>	<i>Fire-Tactical</i>	Routine calls for service
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<b>13</b>	<b>BFR SE</b>	<i>BFR Logs &amp; Docs Groups-Tactical</i>	BFR Logistics (Supply) & Documentation Coordination
<b>16</b>	<b>TALKAROUND</b>	<i>Short-Range Site Comm-Tactical</i>	<b>¼ mile range—Re-Entry Branch</b>

### **Communications Contingencies-All Phases of the Incident**

- Face-to-Face/Runners (for short-range site communications)
- VHF Radio (if available)
- Landline phone (if available)
- Cell phone (if available)
- Runners (if feasible)